

Appln. No. 09/418,628
Amdt. dated: March 12, 2004
Reply to Final Office Action dated October 23, 2003

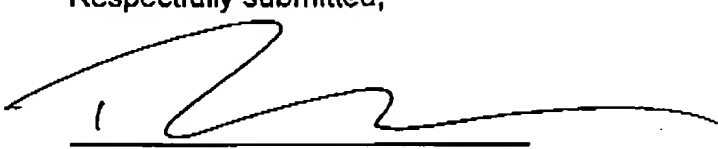
REMARKS

These remarks are set forth in response to the Final Office Action dated October 23, 2003. This response is being filed with a petition for a two month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 along with the appropriate fee. Please charge any underpayments, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account number 50-2884.

The above amendments are made to recite the invention with greater clarity, pursuant to an interview with the Examiner on March 9, 2004. Applicant appreciates the time taken by the Examiner to discuss the application with applicant's undersigned counsel. No new matter is added. Applicants have made every effort to present claims which distinguish over the prior art, and it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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